

**REMARKS**

Claims 9-12, 14-23 and 35-38 remain pending in the present application. Claims 1-8, 13, and 24-34 have been canceled.

**Allowable Claims**

Claims 9-12, 14-23, and 35-38 are indicated as being allowed. Applicant thanks Examiner for this indication.

**Rejected Claims**

Claims 24-27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,296,614 as to Pruter, and claims 1-8 and 28-34 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Pruter, in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,967,985 as to Hayakawa. Applicant respectfully disagrees with Examiner's analysis. However, claims 1-8 and 24-34 have been canceled in the present amendment for the sake of advancing prosecution. Applicant reserves the right to pursue these canceled claims in a continuation application. Accordingly, the present rejection is moot.

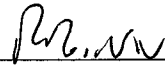
**CONCLUSION**

In view of the above, Applicant submits that the present application is in condition for allowance.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge Deposit Account No. 06-2380, under Order No. 65744/P016US/10316060 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw, during the pendency of this Application pursuant to 37 CFR 1.16 through 1.21 inclusive, and any other sections in Title 37 of the Code of Federal Regulations that may regulate fees..

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